Primary Health Centres in Assam

1141. SHRIMATI DASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Primary Health Centres run by the Central Government in Assam;

(b) whether Government propose to open more Health Centres in Assam during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAl): (a) Primary Health Centres are established and run by the State Governments. There are 619 Primary Health Centres functioning in Assam as on 31.12.1997.

(b) to (d) The target for establishing PHCs in Assam for the Ninth Five Year Plan is 107.

Eradication of T.B.

1142. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to make a Programme for Eradication of T.B. from the country like Polio;

(b) if so, what are the aspects of this programme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) to (c) To control TB, National TB Control Programme was launched in 1962. Since this programme did not have the desired effect, a revised strategy with the objective of achieving 85% cure rate of smear positive patients and detecting at least 70% of them was evolved and pilot teste in two phases. The Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) was lauched in 1997 with World Bank assistance. The RNTCP- is being implemented in 102 Districts covering a population of 171.2 million in phases for a period of 5 years. The strategy includes diagnosis through quality sputum microscopy and treatment by Short Course Chemotherapy under direct observation. About 8 out of 10 patients are being cured as compared to about 3 out of 10 completing the treatment in the earlier programme. Service delivery in majority of 39 1st year districts covering a population of 100 million has already started. Preparatory activities in 39 IInd year districts have also started.

Lifting Ban on Export of Molecules under Test

1143. MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to lift ban on export of Molecules under Test (used for manufacture of Viagra and similar drugs);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government are aware that the ban on export of such items will put the domestic Pharmacauti-cal companies in huge financial loss, who have received supply orders of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHIL-MALAI): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.